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1. In the event of war against Yugoslavia, the Yugoslav Air Force Command has prepared to move its headquarters from Zemun to two specially constructed underground installations.
2. The first underground installation is in the vicinity of the military airfield at Nova Pazova, which is approximately 25 kilometers north of Belgrade. It is located about 1,200 meters south-southwest from the center of the runway of the Nova Pazova military airfield, and comprises two buildings above ground, plus a large structure built completely underground.
3. The two buildings above ground are built to resemble average farm houses found in that area. They are quite spacious and contain a large room which will be used to billet a company of guard troops. In addition, there are storage rooms for radio, telephone and telegraph parts, a small mechanics workshop, and storage space for miscellaneous materials. Steps lead down from one end of each building to the underground portion of the installation which is about 8 meters below the surface. The ceiling is of reinforced concrete for protection against a direct bomb hit, and the underground rooms have a gas detector and warning device.
4. The second underground installation is in the vicinity of the villages of Sopot and Nemenikuce, which are about 30 kilometers south of Belgrade. It is built into the side of a hill and does not include buildings above ground but, in all other respects, is identical to the first underground installation.
5. Orders for the construction of the underground headquarters installation were issued by Col. General Koca Popovic, Chief of the General Staff, and passed on to Lt. General Zdenko Ulepik, Commander of the Yugoslav Air Force. General Ulepik forwarded the order for the building of the designated areas to Lt. Colonel Hinko Soic, commander of the construction department of the Air Force Command. The actual construction was delegated by Lt. Colonel Soic to Captain Dragoljub Petrovic, who is assigned to the Air Force Command Construction Department. The order was received by Captain Petrovic in April 1950, and the work, done by specially selected workers, all members of the Yugoslav Communist Party, was scheduled for completion by late summer 1950.

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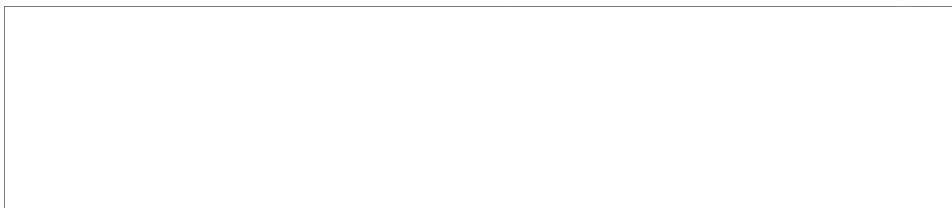
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6. Normal peacetime security, which is in practice at the present time, consists of 10 armed military guards at each installation, with the surrounding areas placed out of bounds to civilians. In the event of war, one entire guard company will be dispatched to guard each installation.



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